(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that some firms have clandestinely opened their offices;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have received representations opposing invasion of the foreign legal firms; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) No Sir,

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Bar Council of India has informed that no such information has come to their notice.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) No, sir.

(f) Question does not arise.

Permission to foreign lawyers

2822. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some lawyers from the foreign countries are seeking permission for entry into India and set-up their base and practise law here;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether there has been any formal request to this effect from Bar Councils of any foreign country (countries); and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) U.K. and Australia have approached the Bar Council of India to seek permission to set up law firms in the country and the President of the Law Society of England and the High

Commissioner of Australia in India met the Chairman of Bar Council of India. The Bar Council of India made its stand clear to them that it is opposed to the entry of foreign lawyers and foreign law firms in the country.

(c) and (d) Bar Council of India has informed that a request for opening a branch office in India by M/s Jurisearch Holidngs, LLC U.S.A. was received through Ministry of Finance. The Bar Council of India considered the matter and decided through resolution that M/s Jurisearch Holdings, LLC U.S.A. be not allowed to open branch office in India for the purpose of rendering legal services. The Government has not taken any different view.

Remuneration and perks of judges

2823. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recommendations by the Chief Justice of India to increase remuneration and perks of judges joining the bench in the Supreme Court and High Courts;

(b) if so, the details of the steps Government are contemplating thereon; and

(c) if no action is being contemplated, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (c) In case of High Court and Supreme Court Judges; the service conditions including the salaries, allowances and other perks of the Supreme Court and High Court Judges are regulated under the Supreme Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Act, 1958 and the High Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Act, 1954 respectively. These are Parliamentary enactments.

The pay scales of the higher constitutional functionaries including the Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts, are fixed by making necessary adjustments with reference to the pay scales sugested by the Pay Commissions for the level of Secretaries to the Govt. of India.